

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Kindly cancel Claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.*

*Kindly add the following new Claims 9-15.*

9. An integral capillary microcuvette comprising a body member provided with a cavity, the cavity being defined by two opposing inner surfaces of the body member and a portion of the cavity defining a measuring zone within the body member, the cavity having an inner peripheral zone at which is located a channel, the channel having opposite ends that communicate with the exterior of the microcuvette, the channel having a higher capillary force than the measuring zone, said body member having an outer peripheral edge provided with a sample inlet through which a sample is drawn into the body member, the sample inlet being in communication with the channel and the channel being in communication with the measuring zone.

10. A microcuvette according to claim 9, wherein said channel is defined by an inner end wall of said inner peripheral zone and two substantially planar surfaces of said body member.

11. A microcuvette according to claim 10, wherein said two substantially planar surfaces are parallel and the distance between the two substantially planar surfaces is less than the distance between the inner surfaces of the body member at said measuring zone.